V. *A Letter from the Revd Mr.* Littleton Brown, *F. R. S. to* C. Mortimer, *M. D. R. S. Secr. concerning the ſame ſort of* Inſect *found in* Kent, *ſome of which he preſented to the* Royal Society, *to be kept in their* Muſeum. *With an Addition by the Publiſher.*

SIR,

I Have ſent a Creature to you, whoſe Name I cannot learn from any Books or Perſons I have yet met with. I brought it from a Pond upon *Bexby Common* laſt *Saturday*, where great Numbers have been obſerved for theſe five Weeks paſt: The Pond was quite dry the 24th of *June*, but upon its being filled with the great Thunder-Shower upon the 25th, within two Days the Pond was obſerved to ſwarm with them, by a Farmer watering his Cows there: And, what I thought obſervable, there is no Duct or Channel that could convey them from any adjacent Place. I beg the Favour of its Name, or where I may ſee its Deſcription. I am *Your very obliged Friend, and humble Servant,*

Auguſt 9. 1736.

Littleton Brown.

FIG. II. E.

The Legs of this Inſect are very extraordinary; I counted 42 on a Side in one of thoſe found in *Kent*; the 20 next the Head are nearly of a Size, but then they grow gradually ſmaller and ſmaller towards the Tail. I took out one of the larger ones of the Left Side of the Cheſt; the Foot conſiſts of five flat membranous Claws, with a ſtiff Rib along their Middle, and beſet with Hairs on the Edges, like thoſe of Crabs; on the lower Side of the Leg hangs an oval Bag, and beyond that grows a large thin Membrane, which can be extended by a bony Rib that runs croſs it; this Membrane and the whole Foot, is convex on the Side next the Head, and concave on that next the Tail; the Thigh or firſt Joint of the Leg, is webbed on each Side; ſo that the whole Structure of the Legs ſeems to ſhew that they are rather deſign'd for ſwimming with, than walking. The Leg repreſented at E, was drawn, when the Inſect lay on its Back, as at B. Many Parts of this Inſect, tho' no bigger than the Figures, have ſome Reſemblance to thoſe of the *Molucca* Crab. *C. M.*

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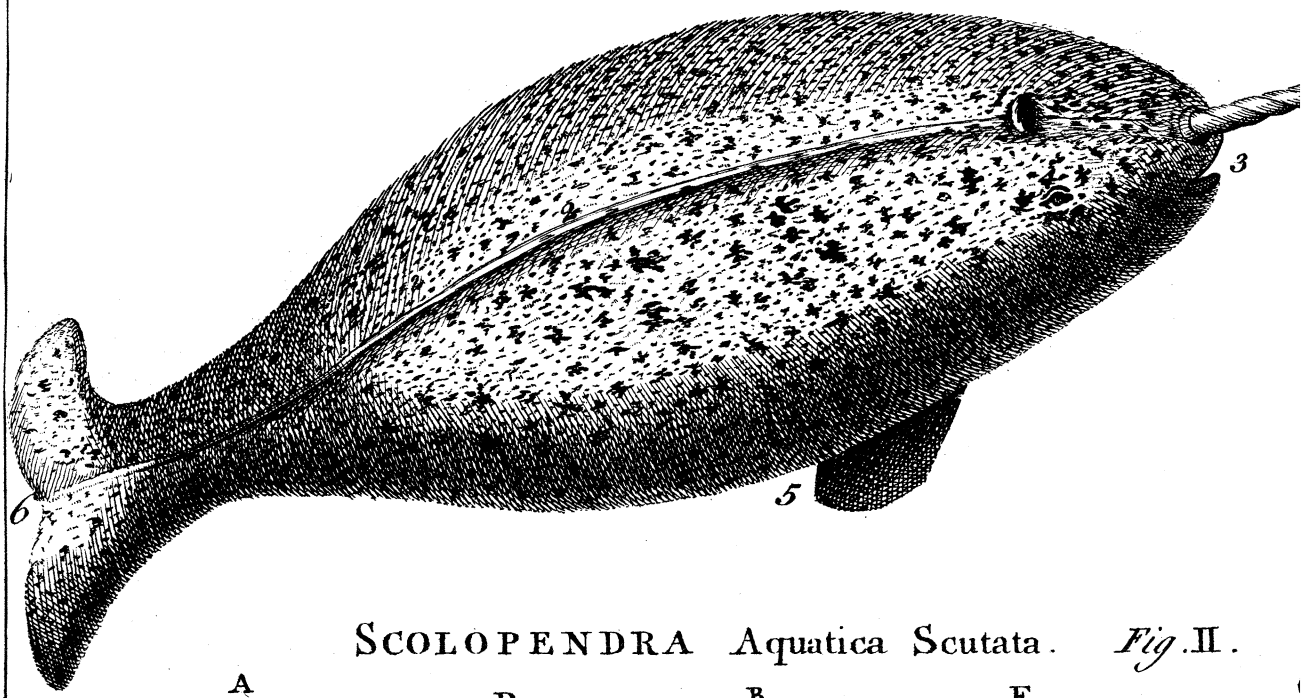

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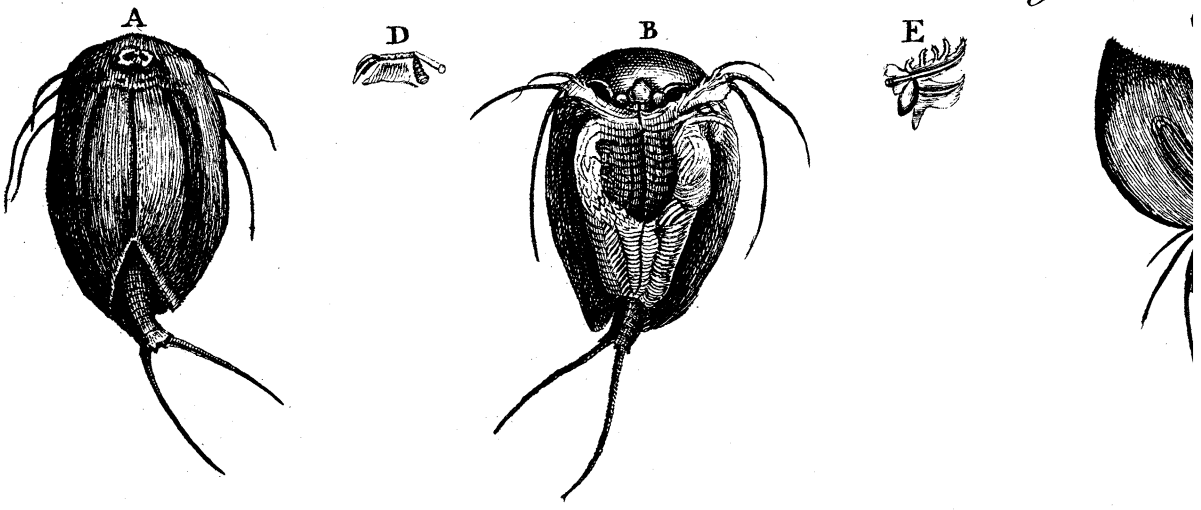

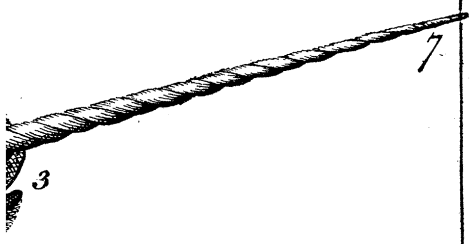

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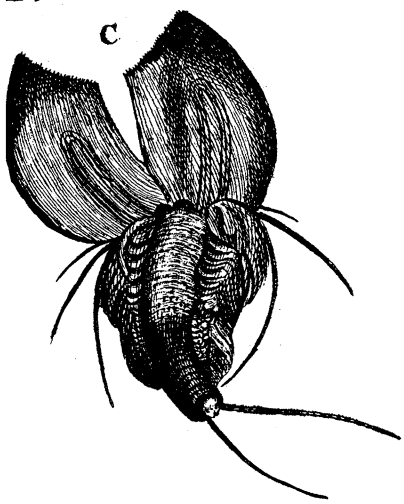

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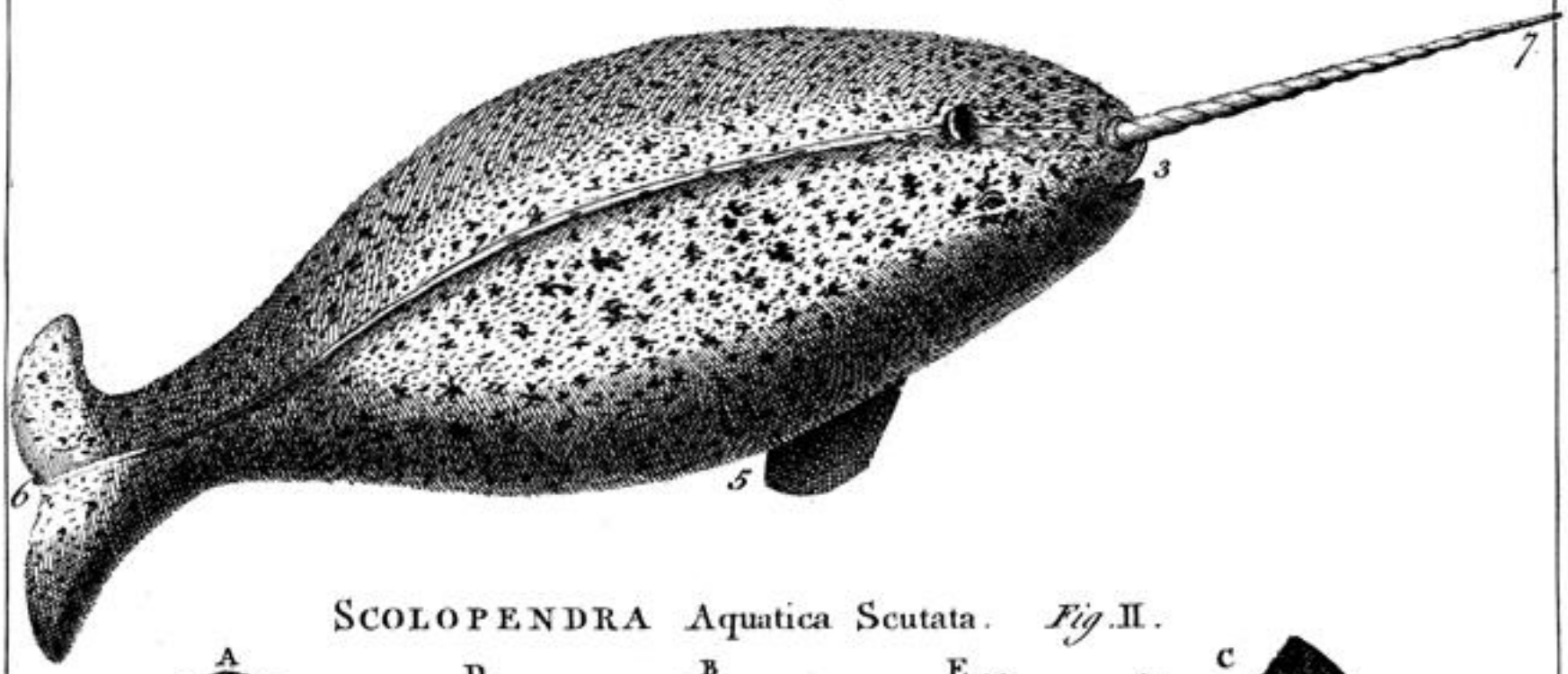
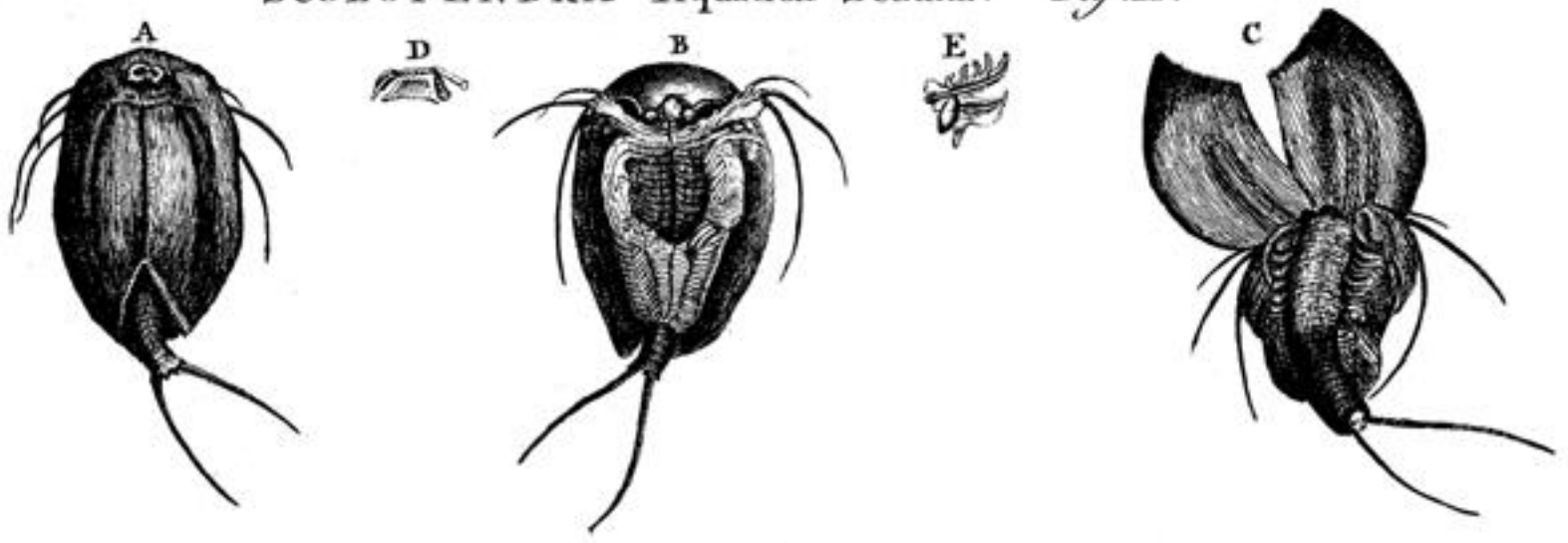
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